



THE AMERICAN LEGION

WINNERS TO RECEIVE

Regional awards: All Regional winners will receive a Letter of Commendation signed by the Chairmen of the National Security Commission and the Law and Order Committee. After National competition is held, a plaque will be sent to each Department Adjutant to be presented to their Regional winner/ National runner-up at an appropriate setting.

National award: The National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year winner and spouse will receive a expenses-paid trip to the National Convention where the presentation of the award will be made by the National Commander of The American Legion. If National award winners are American Legion members, they may wear the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and year designation on their Legion caps. The NLEOY winner is also presented with special lapel pins as authorized by the National Security Commission of The American Legion.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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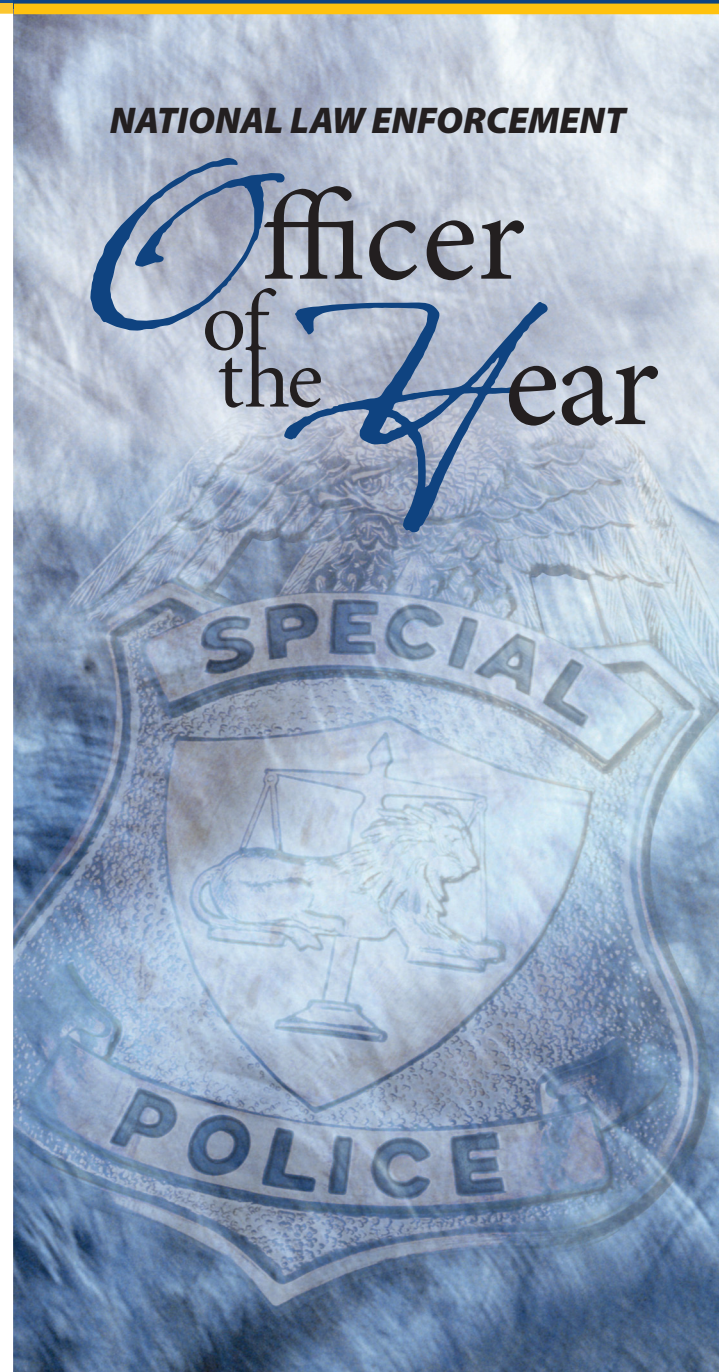
**Policies contained in his pamphlet are to be used in the application for and selection of the American Legion's National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award beginning in 2008. Destroy previous editions of this pamphlet.*

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Officer
of the Year

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PROGRAM GOAL

The Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion includes as one of its major objectives “...to maintain Law and Order.” The goal of the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award is to select a well-rounded Law Enforcement Officer who has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements expected of his/her position and has demonstrated a distinctive pattern of community service coupled with professional achievement. Episodes of heroism will, of course, also be included where noted. A major secondary purpose of this award is to encourage the further development of Department and Post Law and Order Committees in all Departments in recognition of law enforcement officers by Posts, Departments and the National Headquarters of The American Legion.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a living, active, full-time paid, sworn law enforcement officer entrusted with full authority and with powers of arrest.
- Reside or be assigned for duty to a City, County, District, State or Federal Law Enforcement Agency within the Department for which they are selected.
- Be selected as the Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and then submitted into National competition.
- Federal agents serving in overseas Departments may be nominated by that overseas Department

- Department nominees are not required to be veterans or members of The American Legion.
- Military police officers or investigators are eligible to participate in this competition.
- Nominees selected for this award should be available to receive this award at The American Legion National Convention.

DEPARTMENT APPLICATION

Application packets should include: (1) a completed application form used as the cover page of this application. (2) a total of 12 pages of service documentation. The first 6 pages will be one-sided 8 1/2” x 11” bond paper and include approximately four or five pages of the individual’s service narrative. The second 6 pages may be two-sided and include supporting citations and other documentation to include press articles. Within the service documentation, a letter from the nominee’s commanding officer or supervisor must be included. Specific acts of community service, heroism and meritorious performance recognized by his/her law enforcement agency should also be included and documented. Outstanding service to the Community, State or Nation by the officer, in both on-duty and off-duty activities, should be explained for the past year and may include previous years. (3) a 5” x 7” photograph of the nominee. (4) a copy of your nominee’s State or Federal certification as a law enforcement officer.

Departments should submit one copy of the completed application to:

The American Legion
National Security-Foreign Relations Division
1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
by the February 1 deadline of each year.

JUDGING AND GUIDELINES

Guidelines will be based on the following criteria and maximum percentage points will be allocated as follows:

- Community Service35 points
- Professional Career 40 points
- Heroism.20 points
- Letters of Recognition, news clippings, etc.5 points

Judges will be selected by the Chairman of the Law and Order Committee from members of this committee and the National Security Commission. Each Judge will represent his/her Region (Same Departments as assigned to each National Vice Commander) and will select a Regional winner from Regions other than their own. Alternate-at-large judges may also be selected in the event of absences of any judges. Regional winners will be selected at the Washington Conference. The National winner will be selected from the Regional winners during the Spring meetings of the National Executive Committee at the National Headquarters.